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AAA ASSISTANCE BOOSTS CONSERVATION FARMING

There's a growing conviction among farmers that farming around the slope pays off. They expressed this conviction last year by carrying out more contour practices than ever before.

In New Mexico alone, AAA assistance for contour practices was given on 385,000 acres on 2,500 farms, according to C. V. Hemphill, chairman of the State AAA Committee. In the nation as a whole, the Agricultural Adjustment Agency gave assistance on a record total of 29,217,806 acres.

Mr. Hemphill is a firm believer in contour farming. "Contour furrows slow down erosion by stopping and holding rainfall," he says. "This prevents loss of fertility by soil erosion and conserves moisture. Moreover, farming on the contour conserves tractor and animal energy."

TO MARKET, TO MARKET

Although there are still local shortages of corn for feed in some sections, the movement of corn from farms has been at record levels during recent weeks.

USDA statistics show that receipts of corn at primary markets for the April-June quarter were about 115,000,000 bushels--two and a half times greater than for the same period last year.

CCC WILL SUPPORT PINTOS

Commodity Credit Corporation's office of supply has announced a five-way method of supporting prices to New Mexico growers for the 1945 crop of pinto beans.

The new crop will be supported through 1) agreements with bean dealers under which they will pay farmers the equivalent of support prices, 2) subsidy payments to dealers to make up the difference between ceiling and support

prices, 3) purchases in carload lots, cleaned and bagged, f. o. b. car at country shipping points, 4) purchase of thresher-run beans where they can't be disposed of at support prices through regular trade outlets, and 5) non-recourse loans on thresher-run beans stored on farms.

Detailed information on prices and carload and thresher-run purchases may be obtained from Gordon H. Wood, district representative of the office of supply, Box 587, Albuquerque.

RESERVOIR SAVES CROPS

Roy E. Armstrong, Springer rancher, has a new storage reservoir on his ranch that paid for itself in one afternoon.

Mr. Armstrong was faced with the danger of losing a crop on 120 acres because of a shortage of irrigation water when the reservoir was constructed by the Eastern Colfax Soil Conservation District. A .44 inch rain provided enough water to save the crop.

The run-off from the streets of Raton is diverted out at the Southwest Raton Arroya into the reservoir.

The FOREST RANGER says:

Nearly one-fifth of all the people in New Mexico are supported by irrigated lands. Most of New Mexico's irrigation water comes from forested watersheds.
HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

BE SAFE, NOT SORRY

The average farmer lost about four days last year because of accidents..... If every person in Kansas were injured, the total would be about the same as the million and a half injuries suffered by farm residents last year.....The cost of farm fires total about a quarter of a million dollars a day.

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It's facts of this sort that Lee Gould, state chairman for the national safety council, emphasized today as he called on New Mexico farmers and ranchers to observe national farm safety week, July 22-28, by making a safety check-up.

HEMPHILL CALLS FOR HIGH WHEAT PRODUCTION

New Mexico wheat farmers will have another big job next year if they meet the state goal of 400,000 acres. In announcing the state goal, AAA Chairman C. V. Hemphill said the national wheat goal for 1946 is from 67 to 70 million acres.

"This means full production," he said. "Farmers expect to harvest 68,600,000 acres this year."

DID YOU SAY BUTTER?

Reduced set-asides of creamery butter for government purchase mean that civilians will get more butter during August.

Revised war requirements will result in about 90,000,000 pounds going to civilians, compared with about 80,000,000 pounds last month.

WANNA BUY A TRUCK?

With new light and medium trucks scheduled to come off the assembly lines in increasing numbers, the Office of Defense Transportation has simplified allocation procedures.

After July, ODT district managers will have full authority to allocate light and medium trucks and to issue certificates of transfer. At present, applications are forwarded to Washington for approval.

Farmers now make truck applications directly to ODT offices instead of applying through county AAA offices.

WPB NOW HANDLES APPLICATIONS

Applications for frozen food locker plants should now be made directly to the district office of the War Production Board. Applications were formerly made through county AAA committees.

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RECORD CATTLE MOVEMENT CONTINUES

Corn Belt feedlots are continuing to turn out record numbers of top-grade beef cattle. In addition, grass-fed cattle are moving to market in ever-increasing numbers.

Chicago receipts of choice and prime steers during the first six months of this year were the largest on record for the period--75 per cent greater than for the same months in 1944.

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